

I am writing to ask you to not allow HB5623 as it is, to be approved. It will allow bunnies to be factory farmed, and suffer. I am not one to condemn anyone for their choice of meat, though I will educate people on the effect, large scale operations have on our environment, and beyond. If this Bill is approved, there will be the potential for huge numbers of bunnies to be crammed into small spaces, and suffer. As a pet owner of rabbits, for many years, and a volunteer at an animal shelter for rabbits, for close to a decade, I can tell you without a doubt, rabbits experience emotions, and they bond with one another, as well as their human owners. I have taught bunnies, tricks, and to come when called, for treats. They are pretty smart animals! I also have a bunny who used to love to play and tease) with one of my now deceased cats. This particular rabbit grieved over the death of the cat, and would not eat for 2 days, and hid in her cage. If people would take the time to bond with their rabbits, they would understand they are not animals who should be stuffed in hutches, and their only interaction, to be fed, and given water.

I am asking you give careful thought to this piece of legislation, as well as any in the future that will negatively affect animals. We can do better as a society

Thank You,

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